I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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15/03/2013: Dimitry, UT5UGR, will be active as 4X/UT5UGR from Israel between 15-18th March, 2013. He will use the callsign 4X0W during his activity in the Russian DX Contest. QSL via UT5UGR. [OPDX Bulletin]

15/03/2013: Look for Kazu M0CFW / JK3GAD, to be active once again as MJ0CFW from the isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE) between 15th and 17th March, 2013. Plans are to be QRV for the Russian DX Contest and BARTG HF RTTY Contest. QSL via LoTW. QSL also ok via M0CFW, direct only. [NG3K]

15/03/2013: Randy N0TG, Ron AA4VK and Jeff N1SNB plan to operate from the island of Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) as PJ7/homecalls from 15-23 March, 2013. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL all calls via AA4VK, direct only and LoTW. [NG3K]

15/03/2013: Takhir, UA1ZEY, will be QRV throughout the month of March 2013 as UK/UA1ZEY from Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in his free time. He will be QRV on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct only. [DXNL]

15/03/2013: Graham VK3DOG, Keith VK3FT and Tony VK3TZ are planning a radio weekend away to Phillip Island (OC-136) on the weekend of 15-18th March, 2013. They have identified a farmlet which should provide a nice low noise environment and a good take-off over salt water in nearly all directions. They will be active on all bands from 160m-10m. Simple rotatable dipoles on the high bands and full size verticals on 40m and 80m. On 160m they should have a vertical array (22m tall) with some parasitic elements, beverages and loops for receive. They will be operating with only a single TX at a time but should be active approximately 20 hours a day, with resting ops spending their off time surfing, relaxing or sampling some beers or rum. ;o). Callsigns will be homecall /P. They are looking especially for EU contacts on top band at their sunrise and also keen to work Stateside on 75m phone. [DX World]

15/03/2013: David, VE3VID, is currently operating from the rare Igloolik Island (NA-174, CIsA NW-013) as VY0/VE3VID. QRV on SSB and RTTY, initial reports suggest he will remain on the island for the next 3 weeks. During an earlier exchange on RTTY, David mentions: "Operating setup 2800 km north of Ottawa, using mmtty into a Yaesu 857-D and a folded dipole. Very cold here, no polar bears in today." QSL via home call, direct or by the VE3 QSL bureau. [DX World]

16/03/2013: Alain, F6CUG/p will activate the Castle and Mill d'Aureille (DFCF 13-065, DMF 13-011) on 16th March, 2013. The castle and mill are located in the commune of Aureille (CP 13930), canton of Eyguieres (DDCF 13-09), Departement Bouches du Rhone/12 and Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur (DPF 20). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

16/03/2013: Operators Terry G3VFC, Keith M0KJA, Fred M0RFD, Rob M0VFC, Dave M6KOM, Maureen M6VFC and Richard 2E1EVK will be active from the Isle of Wight (EU-120, WLOTA 2985) as GX5MW/p from 16-23 March, 2013. They will be active on all HF bands and modes. QSL direct or bureau to M0RFD. [rsgbiota.org]

18/03/2013: Hans, PB2T, president of IARU Region 1, is travelling once again. This time he will be radio active from Senegal as 6W/PB2T, on all HF bands and modes. QSL via home call. [DXNL]

18/03/2013: Mick, G1EUZ (RAFARS #1848), will be active on Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491) as ZD8RAF from the 18th to the 22nd of March, 2013. He will use an IC-7000, LDG IT-100, Alinco DM-W330MW PSU, Spiderbeam 12m pole and a vertical or horizontal dipole. QSL via home call, RSGB bureau or direct with SAE + suffienct postage. [DX World]

19/03/2013: Noel, F6BGC, plans to operate holiday style as 8Q7NC from the island of Rihiveli, South Male atoll (WLOTA 3911, Grid Loc. MJ63), Rep. of Maldives (AS-013), from 19-29th March, 2013. QRV on 40-6 metres, mostly SSB with some CW and RTTY, with 100w an a vertical. QSL via home call, direct or REF bueau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX Coffee]

19/03/2013: Tim, NL8F, is expected to be active from Tuvalu (OC-015) between 19 March and 2 April 2013. His callsign is not yet known, but he will obtain his license upon his arrival on Tuvalu. Activity will probably be mostly SSB. QSL via K8NA. [OPDX Bulletin]

20/03/2013: Pedro, AA9HX / ON7WP just received his permanent 2013 license and will be active again from The Gambia using the callsign C5WP. He will be QRV from 20 till 27 March from the Kololi aera and also from inland Buntu village. Pedro will also be QRV for two weeks in August, dates TBA. He reports that this time he will have multiple dipole antennas and will operate from a three story building, which is better than the last time where he was lacking high points. Yaesu FT-897 also with batteries so he can operate when the electricity shuts down [33% of the time..]. Pedro previously operated from 11 till 18 November 2012 as part of his effort to set up a locally managed tourist organisation helping local to gain their own money. QSL only direct to ON7WP address. Please enclose SAE 2 US $ postage and (if you can afford it) some small sponsoring to help the organisation and pay for the postage. All money goes to the locals. Website: www.africajeepsafari.com/ [DX World]

20/03/2013: Pertti, OG2W and Raimo, OH0BCI plan to be QRV as OH0/OG2W from the Aland Islands (EU-002, WLOTA 1373, WWFF OHFF-037) between 20-24th March, 2013. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via OG2W, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

20/03/2013: Operaators Michael G7VJR, Nigel G3TXF, John G4IRN and Martin G3ZAY have planned an expedition to Easter Island (SA-001, DICE ICE-001, WWFF CEFF-027, WLOTA 0319), which will take place from 20-27 March 2013. QRV as XR0YG on 160m to 10m, mainly CW. They will run the HF bands but also plan to work challenging paths on the low bands, emphasis on Europe. The team will use Elecraft K3s, small PAs and vertical antennas. ClubLog uploads and LoTW uploads will occur daily and OQRS will be available. QSL direct and bureau via the OQRS on ClubLog. QSL via G3TXF (OQRS) and LoTW. Further information on the Expedition web site: xr0yg.com/ [DX World]

21/03/2013: Ted, JF1CCH, plans to be active as V73TS from the Republic of the Marshall Islands between 21st and 26th March 2013. Plans are to be QRV 40-10 metre, mainly CW. QSL via home call. QSL also ok via eQSL. [NG3K]

22/03/2013: Look for Alan VK4WR as E6RQ and Graeme VK4FI as E6SG to be active from Niue Island (OC-040, WLOTA 2139, Grid Loc. AH50) between 22-29 March 2013. Focus on 50MHz plus some HF operating. QSL both calls via VK4FI. [DX World]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

23/03/2013: Look for Jose, CE8DMT, to be active again from Puerto Williams, Isla Navarino (SA-050, DICE ICE-901, WAP CHL-13, WW Loc. FD65EB), 23rd and 24th of March 2013. The island forms part of the Commune of Cabo de Hornos, the southernmost commune in Chile and in the world, belonging to Antartica Chilena Province. Jose will operate according to the following schedule: 15M (21.277 @ 13:30 to 15:30 UTC) and 10M (28.477 @ 16:00 to 17:00 UTC). Jose uses a 3 element beam and TS-120. QSL via CE8DMT (see QRZ.com). [DX World]

30/03/2013: Operators Ali A71BX, Khalid A71CO, Ali A71CV, Saif A71AM and Andy RA9CKQ will be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March) from Dukhan, Qatar. Plans are for a Multi-Two entry using the callsign A71AM. QSL via A71AM, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

30/03/2013: Ray, WQ7R, will once again be active as HQ9R for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March) from Isla de Roatan (NA-057, WLOTA 1671, Grid Loc. EK66), Honduras. A Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/Low-Power entry is planned. QSL direct only to K5WW; also LoTW. [NG3K]

30/03/2013: The Las Tunas Contest Crew, T48K, Las Tunas, Cuba (NA-015, WLOTA 0032), will be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March) as a Multi-Single entry. The team includes Hugo F5FYO as guest operator, Alex CO8KA, Alejandro CM8AKY, Doug CO8DM, Del CO8DRG and Raul CO8ZZ. QSL for this operation will be via F5FYO. [NG3K]

30/03/2013: The YE1ZAT club station team and YE0X contest team will be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March) as a Multi-Multi entry from Bekasi, Indonesia (OC-021, WLOTA 1660, WW Loc. OI33MU). Plans are for a Multi-Multi entry using the callsign YE1K. QSL via YE1ZAT. [NG3K]

01/04/2013: Mauri, AG1LE, will be actve as E51DXX from Titikaveka, Rarotonga Island (OC-013, WW Loc. BG08CR), South Cook Islands, between 1st and 13th April 2013. He will be QRV holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via home call (see QRZ.com). [DX World]

06/04/2013: Look for Jeff, VA3QSL, to be active holiday style as 8P9HI from Farther Away Cottage, Bayfield, St. Philip Parish, island of Barbados (NA-021, WLOTA 0999), from 6-13th April, 2013. The cliff top cottage overlooks the East coast beach of Skeete's Bay (WW Loc. GK03GE). QRV on the HF bands, conditions permitting. QSL via VA3QSL direct 2 US$ or by the VE3 bureau to VA3QSL. [DX World]

06/04/2013: Guy, F5MNW, will be active as FR/F5MNW from Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WLOTA 1812, WWFF FFF-011) between 6-29th April, 2013. QRV on HF bands, CW only. QSL via home call. [DX World]

19/04/2013: Wim, PA0WRS, plans to be active from Ameland Island (EU-038, WLOTA 1059) as homecall/p from 19-26th April, 2013. QRV on the HF bands, all modes, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

23/04/2013: Pai, VU2PAI and Krish, W4VKU will be active from Bodu Finolhu Island (Fun Island), South Male Atoll (WLOTA 3911, WW Loc. MJ63RU) in the Rep. of Maldives (AS-013) between 23-30 April, 2013. Operating as 8Q7KP, plans are for 2 stations (Elecraft K3/Acom 1000 and TS480Sat/Tentec Hercules II), with two Butternut HF9V and a 2 element SteppIR for higher bands. They plan to setup OQRS and also upload logs to LoTW and eQSL. Website: www.qrz.com/db/8Q7KP [DX World]

28/04/2013: Toshi, JP1IOF, Makoto, JI5RPT, along with a couple other JA operators will be active from Chichi-jima (AS-031, JCG #10007, WLOTA 2269, Grid Loc. QL17), Ogasawara Subprefecture (subprefecture of Tokyo prefecture), Ogasawara archipelago, between 28 April and 5 May 2013. Toshi will use the

callsign JD1BLC, while Makoto will use JD1BLY. The club callsign JD1YBT will also be used. Plans are to be QRV on all bands (160?-6m) and all modes. QSL JD1BLC and JD1YBT via JP1IOF, bureau or direct. QSL JD1BLY via JI5RPT, direct or bureau. JD1BLY online log at: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1 [NG3K]

10/05/2013: Continuing the Camb-Hams traditional Scottish Island activations, GS3PYE/p will be active once again from the isle of Mull (IOSA NH15, SCOTIA CN10, WLOTA 2485, Grid Loc. IO76), Inner Hebrides (EU-008), from Friday 10th May until Thursday 16th May, 2013. All HF bands from 600m (472kHz) to 10m covered with five stations on air simultaneously, all capable of running the legal power limit from five linear amplifiers. Also 6m, 4m and 2m with a great take-off to the UK and Europe, again all at legal limit. With the success of EME last year we will focus more effort in 2m EME. QSL via M0VFC (OQRS via QRZ.com). Further information and updates can be found at: dx.camb-hams.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

26/07/2013: Operators Jacques ON5OO, Jean-Jacques ON7EQ, Noel ON4NS, Pascal ON5RA, Ann ON5AR, Roger ON6WU, Martin ON4VMA, Frank ON5NQ, Peter ON8ZZ and Frederik ON8ZL will be active as TM7T from Grand Ile (DIFM MA-004, WLOTA 0424), Iles Chausey (EU-039) on 26-28 July, 2013. This will include a Multi-Op 24hr entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest. They plan to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via ON8ZL direct (QRZ.com) or ON-bureau via ON8ZL. Website: www.qrz.com/db/TM7T [rsgbiota.org]

08/09/2013: Look for Hubert, OE3FHA, to be active as IS0/OE3FHA from the island of Sardinia (EU-024, IIA SD-001, MIA MIS-035, WLOTA 1608) from 8-26th September, 2013. QRV on 40, 20 and 15 metre SSB, with 100 watts and a CP6/Diamond antenna. QSL via his home call, ARI bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

28/10/2013: Tom, OE2ATN and Franz, OE2SNL have planned a suitcase-dx-pedition to the island of Grenada (J3, NA-024, WLOTA 0718) from 28th October until 10th November, 2013. Callsigns not yet known. They will be QRV on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY, with 100-200 watts. A website is currently under construction. QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. Further information will be available closer to the expedition date. [DX World]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

15/03/2013: The DARC district Baden (A) celebrates its 60th anniversary with the special callsign DL60BADEN and the S-DOK 60DA until the end of the year. QSL via the DARC bureau. [DXNL]

15/03/2013: On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the ham-radio-group of the General-Steinhoff-Kaserne and the Airportfestival 2013 of the Airport museum in Berlin Gatow the specialcallsign DR10EDBG is set up from 1 February to 31 December, 2013. Date of the Airportfestival: 7-8 September, 2013 as the Airportfestival: 14089 Berlin, "Am Flugplatz Gatow" During the period 1-30 September the Special DOK FPF13 will be activated. QSL only via the bureau - No direct QSL, eQSL or lotw !! [DXNL]

15/03/2013: Canberra Region Amateur Radio Club (CRARC) has been allocated the special event callsign VI100ACT as part of the celebrations for the 100th anniversary of Canberra, Australia (OC-001, WLOTA 1520). The callsign will be activated by club members until the end of 2013 in a variety of locations ranging from members home QTH's to a variety of sites around the ACT area, including a number of SOTA peaks. Between 0100z on 16 March and 0100z 17 March, a club station will be using this callsign from the Kowen Forrest for the John Moyle Memorial Field Day. They are planning to be active all bands 160m to 23cm excluding WARC bands. They are planning on activating the callsign on a variety

of frequencies from LF through to UHF and using a number of different modes. Please note that at this stage, QSL will occur via the bureau only (via VK1ACA), however this may change at a later date. Website: www.qrz.com/db/VI100ACT

16/03/2013: The Foyle and District Amateur Radio Club (callsign MN0AKU) have been issued a Special Event call sign. GB5SPD . This is to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day as an annual event. They are on the air to celebrate this event from March 15th until March 18th each year. All contacts will receive a QSL card. Reports from SWL's are also most welcome and will also recieve the QSL card by return post/bureau. The Club is located approx 5 miles south from Derry City, on the banks of the River Foyle, and 10 miles North of Strabane, County Tyrone (WW Loc. IO64HW), Northern Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 1439). QSL details are as follows: please QSL via the R.S.G.B. bureau OR direct to the address shown on QRZ.com. [DXNL]

16/03/2013: Special event station GB6CGC will be aired to celebrate 60 years of Coventry Gliding Club Limited. Starting flying in the prevous year at Baginton Airport in Coventry the members incorporate the club on 17th March 1953. Join us in celebrating their great hobby and those 60 years ago who helped to allow so many members since to enjoy such a wonder amateur sport ever since. This station will be operating on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2013. There will also be a further event later on in the year, possibly June. The station will be operated by Brian Leathley (G8GMU), Adam Gilmore (G1ZHD), Steve Riddington (2E0WZO on CW) and other guests. Further information can be found at: www.theglidingcentre.co.uk/ [DXNL]

16/03/2013: In order to celebrate the 75th anniversary of HMS Belfast's launch on 17th March 1938, the London Group will be active as GB75HMSB between 16th March and 12th April 2013. QSL via G0TOC, RSGB bureau, RNARS UK bureau or direct. Further information can be found on their website at: www.gb2rn.org.uk/

16/03/2013: Joop, PD0RKA, celebrates his 70th birthday with the special call PD70JT. He'll be on the HF bands from 16th March until 13 April 2013 and send QSLs automatically via bureau. LoTW and eQSL will be uploaded too. [DXNL]

16/03/2013: The TC Special Wireless Activity Team will be active as TC18M on 16-18th March 2013 in Memoriam of the Naval Victory of 18 March 1915. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Website: www.tcswat.org/ [TCSWAT]

16/03/2013: Stewart GW0ETF, will be using the special callsign GW100C from his QTH in Bangor (WW Loc. IO73WF, SH57), Wales (EU-005, WLOTA 0453), on 16-17 March 2013 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RSGB. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS system (www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/). [GR2HQ]

17/03/2013: On March 17th 2013 special station PD70AW will be on the air from the Bunker Museum Den Haag (Atlantik Wall STp XXXXIII H Type: St622 Bau Nr: 8598), on the Boulevard of Scheveningen. Activity will be from 0800 UTC on the HF bands. Furthermore, the will try to put a station on the air on the VHF and UHF bands. This Bunker, one of the last remains of STp.XXXXIII H was build in 1943 (70 years ago) and is part of the AtlantikWall therefore it is of Great historical value. QSL bureau only - via PD2RKG - SWL reports are welcome. Further info at: www.qrz.com/db/PD70AW [DXNL]

17/03/2013: Members of Team Cartagena, Cartagena, Spain, will use the special event callsign EH5SIP between 17-31 March, 2013, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the launching of the submarine Isaac Peral. Activity will be on all bands and modes on phone and digital modes. QSL via EA5HRD, bureau or direct with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage. Website: www.qrz.com/db/EH5SIP [DXAT]

18/03/2013: The West Tyrone ARC will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day celebrations on Monday 18 March 2013 in Omagh, Co Tyrone, Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 2484). The club will be running a special event station using the callsign GB1SPD. They will be operational from the Strule Arts Centre in the Heart of Omagh Town during the Omagh District Council St Patrick Day Parade and Festival. The club will be operating on HF, VHF and UHF, Echolink and digital modes between 11am and 5pm. Special event QSL cards will be available to those who wish to have a confirmation of the QSO, direct or by the RSGB bureau. Details are on www.QRZ.com/ and www.wtarc.org/ [GB2RS]

19/03/2013: GB1PER will be operated by members of the Worcester Radio Amateurs Association on 19 and 20 March 2013 as a demonstration station for the primary school at Perdiswell, Worcester as participation for this year's National Science Week. They plan to operate on HF and VHF during school hours with the intention to give as many junior children as possible the opportunity to get on the air and how amateur radio encompasses the spectrum of the science curriculum. QSL via the RSGB bureau. [GB2RS]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/03-18/03 GB5SPD: Northern Ireland WLOTA:1439 QSL Buro
15/03-17/03 MJ0CFW: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL M0CFW (d)
15/03-23/03 PJ7/AA4VK: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL H/c (d/LoTW)
15/03-23/03 PJ7/N0TG: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL AA4VK (d/LoTW)
15/03-23/03 PJ7/N1SNB: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL AA4VK (d/LoTW)
16/03-17/03 GB6CGC England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL Buro
16/03-17/03 GW100C: Wales (main island) WLOTA:0453 QSL M0OXO (OQRS)
16/03-23/03 GX5MW/P: Isle of Wight WLOTA:2985 QSL M0RFD (d/B)
18/03 GB1SPD: Ireland (Eire) WLOTA:2484 QSL Direct/Buro
18/03-22/03 ZD8RAF: Ascension Island WLOTA:1491 QSL G1EUZ (d/B)
19/03-29/03 8Q7NC: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL F6BGC (B)
19/03-20/03 GB1PER: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL Buro
20/03-24/03 OH0/OG2W: Aaland Island WLOTA:1373 QSL H/c (d/B)
20/03-27/03 XR0YG: Isla de Pascua WLOTA:0319 QSL G3TXF (d/B/OQRS)
22/03-29/03 E6RQ: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL VK4FI (d)
22/03-29/03 E6SG: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL VK4FI (d)
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6 METRES & UP -

16/03-17/03 European EME Contest CW/SSB - 2m, 70cm 16 0000z-17 2400z
16/03-17/03 Oklahoma QSO Party Mix/SO/MO/Rover 6m class 16 1300z-17 1900z
16/03-17/03 Virginia QSO Party Mix/SO/MO/Rover 6m-70cm 16 1400z-17 2400z
17/03 UBA Spring Contest 2m Phone/CW 17 0700z-1100z
18/03 GB1SPD: St. Patrick's Day S.E.S. EU-115 Grid:IO64 V/UHF QSL Buro
19/03 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
19/03 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
19/03 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
22/03-29/03 E6RQ: Niue Island OC-040 Grid:AH50 6m all mode QSL VK4FI (d)
22/03-29/03 E6SG: Niue Island OC-040 Grid:AH50 6m all mode QSL VK4FI (d)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_mar.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 12 March 2013)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 3A2MW, 4K9W, 4O1A, 4U1WRC, 4W6A, CQ9T, DA0HEL, DA0Y, DF0CX, DH0FAB, DK0B/p, DK0FC/p, DL0DRG, DL0FTP, DL0IPS/p, DL150BH, EB3CW, EC1KR, ED5KB, EI80IRTS, EM2012WA, ES1LS, F4DFR, HK3/DL6IAK, IT9SMU, IZ0OWD, J28RO, JA1ZGP, JW3TR, K1ZZ, LM9L40Y, LY2W, OE3K, OJ0VM, OZ1AXG, PA8KW, PW2D, PY5EG, SM6NT, TC2012WKD, TM2BZH, TP50CE, UP2L, UX1AA, VK6ANC, YO3JF, YR0HQ and ZZ190GOB.

QSLs via Direct: 5U5U (TL0A), 6Y3M (VE3NE), A63HI [AS-021] (IZ8CLM), HI3/N2YDD (H/c), RI1ANF (RK1PWA), T30PY (PY2PT), UK9AA (CBA), WA2YUN/KH9 (K2PF), XF1F [NA-124] (XE2HUQ), XU1A (OQRS/JH1AJT) and ZL9HR (OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 4A4A, 9M4SLL, 9U4U, A35YZ, ES9A, EX8BN, FY5KE, II2E, NH7A, PZ5TT, T30PY, VP5/K0UU, VQ5RP, YI1RZ, YN5Z and ZZ2T.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
VEFF - Canada Flora & Fauna at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
VEFF Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: www.wwff.co/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

E5\S - SOUTH COOK ISLANDS -
Andy, AB7FS/E51AND, has now moved to Avarua (WW Loc. BG08DS), Rarotonga (OC-013), and is planning on having a good gain antenna system there. In addition, he mentions future activity possible from Palmerston OC-124 or Pukapuka OC-098 in July or August, perhaps using a Hexbeam. See QRZ.com for E51AND new address and QSL info. [DX World]

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY -
Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 20 April, from 00.00 UTC through 23.59 UTC. Details, including information on the relevant Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at www.gb4imd.org.uk/ [425 DX News]

KH9 - WAKE ATOLL DXPEDITION -
We are pleased to announce the call sign for the Wake Atoll Commemoration DXpedition anticipated taking place at the beginning of October, 2013.
K9W has been assigned to this event! The actual days of use will be announced on our website and through the normal media channels.
Additionally, we are happy to announce that Val, NV9L and Col, MM?NDX have joined the Team as Pilot Stations.

T2 - TUVALU
13-March-2013 - BREAKING NEWS: Yesterday we reported that Clive GM3POI was already in Tuvalu with the other three team members stuck in Fiji, on standby for a flight to T2. Today, some good news and some bad news. Gav GM0GAV, Rob

GM3YTS and Tom GM4FDM are now booked on the Thursday flight to Tuvalu, however, since arriving in Fiji two days ago, their luggage has not arrived and is still missing. Gav reports Clive is ready to QRV, so look out for T2GM soon. [DX World]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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